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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

HISASHI NARIMATSU ET AL.

Application No.: 09/744,748

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004 to February 28, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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